

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: PUBLIC SAFETY

DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2013

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS GIRARD
BENTLEY
TAYLOR
FRASIER
STRAINER

OTHERS PRESENT:

BUD YORK, SHERIFF
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
MARTIN AUFFREDOU, COUNTY ATTORNEY
JOAN SADY, CLERK OF THE BOARD
SUPERVISORS LOEB
MASON
WESTCOTT
RACHEL SEEBER, QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
SAMANTHA HOGAN, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS WOOD
MONTESI

In the absence of Committee Chair Wood, Committee Vice-Chairman Girard called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 12:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Bud York, Sheriff, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the Agenda review with the Action Items section, Sheriff York, requested a resolution to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Queensbury for Animal Control Officer services.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 15, 2013 Board Meeting. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

Martin Auffredou, County Attorney, provided a brief explanation as to why these services were deemed necessary, advising that when Officers visited certain crime scenes or properties, they sometimes required the assistance of an Animal Control Officer. He added that typically, they would rely on the control officer of the respective municipality, but if they were unavailable the Sheriff could contact the Town of Queensbury Animal Control Officer for assistance. Mr. Auffredou noted that although the Town of Queensbury Animal Control Officer would be directed by the Sheriff's Office, they would still be an employee of the Town of Queensbury, incurring no cost to the County. He advised this risk would need to be added to the County's insurance but this was something that could be easily done, as could the indemnification provisions typically used for these types of agreements. He concluded that the Town of Queensbury had already approved this agreement and was anxious to commence the work.

Sheriff York noted there were many times when the Sheriff's Office contacted the Town of Queensbury Animal Control Officer for his expertise, as he had accumulated more training and certifications than any of the other Town Officers in this field.

Mr. Loeb asked if this was something that only happened in a crime related situation and Sheriff York answered that it was not and explained that it may be a situation where someone had been bitten by a dog and the Animal Control Officer would take whatever actions the situation warranted. Sheriff York stated that the need for this service was not only for criminal matter, but also for some civil situations, as well.

Moving to Agenda Item 2, Sheriff York requested a new contract with the Oneida County Sheriff's Office to provide security services for inmates committed to the Central New York Psychiatric Center pursuant to section 508 of the State Correction Law. Sheriff York explained that this was a recurring contract and he said he believed that no expense had been incurred for the contract in 2013. He further explained that any time an inmate from Warren County was sent to a psychiatric center by a judge, it was the responsibility of the local county to pay for the security of that individual while they were in the psychiatric center. Mr. Strainer asked what the cost for the security services were and Mr. Auffredou replied that he believed that it was a cost of \$165.00 per day.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 15, 2013 Board Meeting. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

Sheriff York advised Agenda Item 3 included a request for a new contract with Black Creek Inmate Management software. Sheriff York explained that the current contract with Black Creek would expire on December 31, 2013 and that it needed to be renewed as it was the current system used for inmate management.

Motion was made by Mr. Bentley, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 15, 2013 Board Meeting. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

Sheriff York said Agenda Item 4 included a request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$4000.00 from Code A.3020 210 (911 Center Sheriff's Furniture) to Code A.3110 250 (Sheriff's Law Enforcement Tech. Equipment).

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Frasier and carried unanimously to approve the request for a transfer of funds, as outlined above, and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Item 5, Sheriff York apprised, consisted of a request for a transfer of fund in the amount of \$65,000.00 from Code A.3110 415 (Sheriff's Law Enforcement Electricity) to Code A.3150 435 (Correction Medical Fee's). Mr. Bentley asked if this was an inmate related expense and Sheriff York responded affirmatively noting that the medical expenses incurred for prisoners were high because a lot of inmates had been treated at the hospital this year.

Motion was made by Mr. Strainer, seconded by Mr. Bentley and carried unanimously to approve the request for a transfer of funds, as outlined above, and to refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the request is on file with the minutes.*

Concluding the agenda review with the Topics for Discussion section, Sheriff York explained that one vacant Corrections Officer position had been filled with a new hire.

As there was no further business to come before the Public Safety Committee, on motion made by Mr. Bentley and seconded by Mr. Strainer, Mr. Girard adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hogan, Legislative Office Specialist